Vayudoot Operating with Old and Outdated Aircraft

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1992 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vayudoot are operating its flight with old and outdated aircraft ;

(b) if so, what are the type of aircraft and the routes on which the operation is considered uneconomical ; and

(c) the number and details of aircraft with the Vayudoot which are grounded for want of spares and the value of assets locked up therein ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Uneconomical aircraft are those which consume comparatively more fuel and whose cost of maintenance is more. Uneconomical routes are those where cost of operation exceeds the revenue earned.

(c) Two Dornier 228 aircraft are grounded at present for want of spares. The unit cost of these aircraft at the time of their purchase was Rs. 3 crores approximately.

Recovery of Outstanding Dues by Air India

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 739 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether any concerted drive to recover the outstanding dues was launched by Air India this year ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what results have been achieved thereby ; and

(c) what is the estimated profit/loss of Air India for 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Realisation of dues is a continuous process. A close watch is kept on the outstandings from travel agents and GSAs for realisation of the amounts on due dates. Recovery of dues from Airlines is realised through the IATA clearing house. Amounts outstanding from Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings and Commercial houses are monitored regularly to ensure timely recovery.

(c) The net profit of Air India for 1991-92 is likely to be Rs. 129.00 crores.

Faulty Airport Equipment Nags Aviation Experts

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the PIONEER, Dated March 23, 1992 caption—"Faulty Airport equipment nags Aviation Experts";

(b) if so, the details of the accidents including landing and take-off accidents attributable to faulty airport equipments during the last 3 years ;

(c) what percentage of the total number of air accidents did they constitute ; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken to repair or to replace the faulty equipments ?